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As a fairly consistent Republican voter, I must say that I'm deeply disappointed in the slap on the wrist settlement deal being offered to Microsoft.

Free, unrestricted markets are the way to go 99.9% of the time, but when a monopoly such as Microsoft comes along that abuses its advantage to such a degree, I feel that consumers are truly hurt in the long run.

The DOJ should press its advantage as much as possible and retract the settlement offer being considered. If the entire settlement isn't completely rethought, at very least, consider proposals to add some teeth to it - like the one submitted by Apple Computer, Inc.

You have a real chance to benefit consumers and free the tech industry from such an onerous burden.

Regards,

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